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Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Note by the Secretary-General*

Summary

The present note contains a proposal for the interim financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission for the four-month period from 1 July to 31 October 2003.

The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in paragraph 5 of the present note.

* The present document is submitted to provide the General Assembly with supplementary information to that provided in document A/57/664 and Corr.1 on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission.

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1. The Secretary-General, in his report dated 31 March 2003 (S/2003/393 and Add.1), informed the Security Council of developments in the situation at the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) and recommended that UNIKOM be maintained for a further three months, subject to any further decision the Council may take regarding the continuation of the Mission. In his letter dated 3 April 2003 (S/2003/400), the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General that the members of the Council concurred with his recommendation that UNIKOM be maintained for a further three months, until 6 July 2003, by which date the Council would review the question once again. In June 2003 the Secretary-General will report on the status of UNIKOM and make a recommendation to the Council on the future of the Mission.

2. The proposed budget for UNIKOM for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/57/664 and Corr.1) was submitted to the General Assembly in anticipation of the continuation of the Mission. However, the basis on which that budget was formulated is no longer relevant. In view of the circumstances prevailing in the region, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions decided to defer its report on UNIKOM and will revert to the matter when the situation is clarified (see A/57/772, para. 6).

3. Pending a decision of the Security Council on the future of UNIKOM, interim financing arrangements will be required for the four-month period from 1 July to 31 October 2003. During that period, and subject to the decision by the Council in July, a revised budget proposal for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 will be submitted to the General Assembly for review in the main part of its fifty-eighth session. On the basis of the current level of expenditures for UNIKOM, financial requirements for the four-month period from 1 July to 31 October 2003 are estimated at $12 million.

4. Accordingly, the Secretary-General is seeking an appropriation of $12 million for UNIKOM for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2003.

5. The General Assembly is therefore requested to decide:

(a) **To appropriate the amount of $12 million for the four-month period from 1 July to 31 October 2003, including $8 million, representing two thirds of the total amount to be funded, through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait;**

(b) **To apportion among Member States the amount of $4 million for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2003.**